IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEVIN MASTERS, :

:

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-2007

v.

:

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,

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Defendant.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date, Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC hereby removes the above-captioned matter to this Court from the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and in support thereof avers as follows:

- 1. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC is a defendant in a civil action originally filed on October 12, 2020 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania titled *Devin Masters v. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC* and docketed to Case No. GD-20-010744.
- 2. The removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). PRA received service of Plaintiff's Complaint by certified mail on November 27, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, attached here as Exhibit A are copies of all process, pleadings, and orders filed in the state court action.
- 4. The District Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that Plaintiff has filed claims against PRA alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

5. On this date, PRA has provided notice of this Removal to counsel for Plaintiff and to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC respectfully removes this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 28, 2020, a true copy of the foregoing document was served

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